13. For construction of 3-Star Beach Resort at Ganpatipule Bhandarpule, Distt. Ratnagiri, Maharashtra-M/s. Krishnali Beach Resorts Pvt. Ltd.	May, 1993	Considered by the expert Committee.
14. Construction of Worli Bandra Link Road in Bombay.	July, 1993	Received recently.

Encroachment of Forest Land

2736. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the encroachment of forest land by the people;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being take by Government to make forest land free from any encroachment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) Incidents of encroachment of forest land by the people have been brought to the notice of Government of India periodically. The details regarding encroachments on forest land are maintained in the States/Union territories concerned, at divisional level. Government of India has taken following measures to prevent encroachment of forest land :

(i) National Forest Policy, 1980 states that encroachment of forest land has been on the increase and this trend has to be arrested and effective action taken to prevent its continuance.

(ii) The Forest Policy also stipulates that people's participation in management of the forests should be encouraged.

(iii) Under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, encroachment of forest land has been declared an offence.

(iv) State Governments carry out eviction of encroachments periodically along with Revenue authorities.

Clearing the Garbage from the Route to The Everest and other Himalayan Peaks

2737. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are tyring to clear the garbage from the route to the Everest and other Himalayan Peaks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the success achieved in the objectives so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) Clean up campaigns for collecting garbage have been launched by some voluntary organisations, police personnels in border areas & sponsoring institutions. Special expeditions were sent earlier to clear the garbage, to the extent possible, from the routes used frequently. A code of conduct has been prescribed by the Himalayan Mountaineering Foundation regarding management and disposal of garbage. Government has also made a policy statement for having a strict regulation of the tourists activities in the sensitive areas like that of the Himalayan region.

Kaziranga National Park in Assam

2738. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Kaziranga National Park in Assam is regularly eroded by the flood and innumerable wild lives die every year during flood;

(b) what are the measures taken by Government to prevent erosion of the park;

(c) what is the number of animals died during the last flood in Assam; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (d) The Kaziranga National Park of Assam falls in the flood plain of the Brahmaputra river and a large portion of it gets inundated every year by flood which is a natural phenomenon for the

area. As the flood water starts rising the animals of the park move on to the higher areas or migrate to safer places. In the process sometimes some animals do get killed either by drowning or by accidents during migration. However, no such death cases have been reported from Assam for the year 1992 floods. Possibility of securing external assistance for conservation of Indian Rhinos is being explored which inter alia, will provide ameliorative measures for safety of wild animals against floods in the Kaziranga National Park.

Land under Forests in the States

2739. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of land under forests, Statewise;

(b) in what manner these compare with the estimates made during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

(c) the details of financial assistance provided to states for development of forests during Sixth and Seventh Plan;

(d) whether the State Governments have diverted these funds for other purposes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to ensure proper utilisation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The State of Forest Report 1991 shows that the recorded forest area in the country is 7,70,078 Sq. km. The Statewise details are given in the Statement see below. This indicates an increase of 18,732 Sq. km when compared to 1989 State of Forest Report.

(c) During Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plan, an allocation of Rs. 629.49 Crores and Rs. 2,542.84 Crores respectively was made to the various States for afforestation activities.

(d) No information regarding diversion of the funds allocated for afforestation purposes by the State Governments have come to the notice of Central Government.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) To ensure proper utilisation of funds, the State Governments have their own arrangement to monitor progress on afforestation/tree planting activities under point No. 16 of the 20-Point Programme. At the Central level the achievements are monitored by National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board and Ministry of Programme Implementation. Externally aided projects are monitored by the Donor Agencies also.

Statement

The State-wise Details of Recorded Forest Area in the Country

S. No.	State/UTs	Recorded forest area (Sq. km.)
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	63,726
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	51,540
3.	Assam	30,708
4.	Bihar	29,226
5.	Goa (including Daman & Diu)	1,256
6.	Gujarat	19,388
7.	Haryana	1,687
8.	Himachal Pradesh	37,591
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	20,174
10.	Karnataka	38,646
11.	Kerala	11,222
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1,55,414
13.	Maharashtra	63,861
14.	Manipur	15,154
15.	Meghalaya	9,496
16.	Mizoram	15,935
17.	Nagaland	8,625
18.	Orissa	59,555
19.	Punjab	2,842
20.	Rajasthan	31,539
21.	Sikkim	2,650
22.	Tamilnadu	22,599
23.	Tripura	6,292
24.	Uttar Pradesh	51,502
25.	West Bengal	11,379
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	7,171
27.	Chandigarh	31